

Social and Personal.

MRS. J. C. HUDSON has issued invitations for the marriage of her daughter, Mattie Lee, to Thomas Julian Norman, Jr., which will be celebrated in the Third Christian Church on the evening of Monday, September 13. Both Miss Hudson and Mr. Norman are popular among the large circle of friends, and the announcement of their approaching wedding will be of much interest.

To Attend Hudson-Fulton Celebration.—Annex M. G. over leaves Richmond in a few days to join Mrs. G. over, who will come down to New York City from Kingston, where she has been for several weeks in her old home, where they will go to the Catskill Mountains for an outing.

Mrs. G. over will remain in the North for two months, and has arranged to attend the Hudson-Fulton celebration during the last week in September and the first week of October, to be held in New York City, and later in the towns and cities on the Hudson River.

The naval pageant, to be witnessed by people from all over the country, will include thirty vessels, and will feature the reproduction of the Half Moon and the Clermont, and in addition to these, ten squadrons of various craft will float upon the Hudson River.

A heroic statue of Rip Van Winkle is to be unveiled at Catskill-on-the-Hudson, and there will be motor-boats, races, aquatic sports and many magnificent features to recommend the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Hudson-Weisiger.—Miss Sara Weisiger, daughter of Mr. Oscar Fitzhugh Weisiger, and J. Selden Hudson were quietly married yesterday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock in the residence of the bride's mother, at 110 East Cary Street. Rev. J. N. Latham performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate family, and afterwards there was an informal reception. The entire lower floor of the Weisiger home was covered in white, and palms and evergreens were banded in the parlors and reception hall, while the ceremony was celebrated in the front drawing-room.

Mrs. Jefferson Archer played the wedding march and Miss Celeste Elizabeth Weisiger attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore a Parisian lingerie gown, heavily embroidered, and carried a graceful garden bouquet of pink and white asters in her arms.

Miss Weisiger's wedding gown was of white cloth, with Brussels lace collar and picture hat, and she carried a white prayer-book with shower markers of lily of the valley. She was given in marriage by her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson left at once for Old Point, and from there will go to visit Mr. Hudson's old home, Howard's Neck, in Gloucester county, before going to their bungalow in Cumberland county, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown Return.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown returned to Richmond Tuesday morning, and left in the afternoon for Bon Air. Mr. Brown was suffering severely, and is still quite unwell, from injuries received at Atlantic City in an automobile accident, when, with Mrs. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. James J. Pollard, of this city, he narrowly escaped serious injury.

Mr. and Mrs. Pollard are still at Atlantic City.

To Visit Adirondacks.—Mr. and Mrs. H. Lee Bishop leave to-day for a trip to Niagara, Montreal and many other interesting points in Canada.

They will be gone several weeks, and will spend some time in the Adirondacks before returning to Richmond.

Leave for Alaska.—Rev. Guy Douglas Christian and Mrs. Christian, nee Stith, after a two-months' pleasant visit with relatives and friends in Richmond, have left Seattle, Wash., where they will spend a few days, and then go to Nome, Alaska, at which place they will make their future home and take up missionary work.

Burwell-Turner.—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Turner, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lina Turner, to Dr. Nathaniel Burwell.

Dr. Burwell is a native of Clarke county, Va., and is prominent socially in the State.

The wedding will take place in October.

In and Out of Town.—Mrs. Corydon Hobson, who has been in Richmond for several weeks with her parents, has now gone to the Hobsons' country place.

Dr. Truman A. Parker has returned to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Weldon are spending August at Mountain Lake.

Miss Sue Starke and the Misses Starke have returned from a delightful season at the Yellow Sulphur Springs, and are now at Mrs. Fourqurean's home in Chestnut Hill.

Mrs. Norman V. Randolph and Miss Nora Randolph have returned from a short visit to Mrs. Timberlake, near Atlee, Hanover county.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Ford are at the Waverly Cottage, Virginia Beach, for several weeks.

Mrs. G. C. Kelly, of 1010 East Marshall Street, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Featherston, in her home in the West End, Lynchburg, Va. Mrs. Featherston was before her marriage Miss Virginia Carroll Kelly, of this city, and her wedding to Mr. Featherston last winter was quite a social event.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Waddill and Miss Emily Waddill are greatly enjoying their stay at the White.

Misses Elizabeth and Lily Camper have returned to their home in Lynchburg after a month's stay in Richmond and Ocean View.

The date for the wedding of Miss Lucy Landon Walton to Thomas Symington Janney, of Baltimore, has been set for October. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Walton, in Colonial Avenue, Ghent.

Miss Marie and Master Mayo Carter, of 317 North Twenty-fourth Street, left Saturday afternoon to visit relatives in Crozet for several weeks.

Miss Mattie C. Denny, who has been spending the last two weeks in England, sailed from Glasgow last week on the steamship California, due in New York August 22. Miss Denny has been traveling in a small party, and will visit the principal continental countries, as well as England and Scotland.

Miss Lucy Skelton is enjoying her vacation in Abingdon, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Valentine are at the White Sulphur Springs.

Edwin C. James has left Richmond to make his home in Atlanta.

James A. Moncure is spending a few days in Atlantic City.

E. T. Harrison was a week-end guest at the Old Sweet Springs.

Percy Grant and Park Thornton spent the week-end at the Dance cottage, Virginia Beach.

Mrs. W. S. Leake and Mrs. Julian P. Thomas, of this city, were recent guests of Mrs. J. P. Rowe in Fredericksburg. Mrs. Leake and Mrs. Thomas have been attending the Women's Missionary Union of the Goshen Association at Hiron Baptist Church, in Spotsylvania county.

Mrs. W. T. Cobb and children have returned to Richmond from a visit to relatives at Powhatan Courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Heth Tyler and little son are visiting ex-Governor and Mrs. Tyler at their home, near Radford.

Miss Mattie Dikake, of this city, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. A. Allen, in Newport News.

Mrs. Carl von Mayhoff, who is spending August at Bar Harbor, will return to Monticello for September.

Mrs. Seldon and Miss Floyd Taylor are spending the summer at Buena Vista, Pa.

Miss Carrie Perkins, of 402 North Second Street, is on a vacation visit to Miss Camm Wynne, in Newport News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Word and their niece, Miss Hickerson, are having a pleasant stay at Crockett Springs.

NEWS FROM CHATHAM

Important Shooting Case to Come Up at Next Term of Court.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—CHATHAM, VA., August 18.—Monroe Eiland, who was shot by Ed. Pugh near Motley's about three weeks ago, has practically recovered from his wound, and will be able, it is thought, to appear in court at the regular term in September. Pugh is now out on bail for his appearance at the September term. The facts as developed since the shooting, are that it was the result of a row about the stealing of a moonshine whiskey distillery which friends of Pugh claim was taken by a brother of his victim. Other claim was that Pugh had been employed to scare Rowland into returning the stolen property, and that the shooting followed. The truth of these reports will be brought out at the trial, from the best information obtainable from the citizens around Motley's are in one way or another connected with the affair.

Jesse Alexander, colored, wanted in the county for murder committed at a railway camp one year ago at Hurt, was captured recently in North Carolina, and is now in the jail here awaiting trial at the next regular term of the Circuit Court.

Miss Mary Cross and James W. Myers, of the county, were quietly married at the home of the bride on Thursday last. They will make their home in the county.

DISASTROUS FIRE

Five Hundred Barrels of Oil Consumed at Bluewell.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]—BLUEWELL, W. VA., August 18.—Fire, which started in the warehouses of the Standard Oil Company this afternoon, and which spread to the buildings of the American Fruit Company and the Standard Fuel and Supply Company's building, was one of the worst that has visited this city in years. Five hundred barrels of oil, stored in the cellar of the oil plant, were consumed, together with the entire plant. The total loss is estimated at \$50,000, mostly covered by insurance. The fruit company's loss is estimated at \$20,000. The extent of the fire, the fear being caused by the possible explosion of the large oil tanks of the company. Fortunately the wind changed, and none of the large tanks near by was ignited.

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GREAT MEETING EXPECTED

Preparations Being Made for Grand Rally at Important Southside Point.

BY FRANK S. WOODSON.

RANDOLPH, VA., August 18.—The repairs to the car were completed at nightfall, and it is now as good as new. The program is to leave Cedar Grove, where the car has been, at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and red mud and hills permitting, we will join the Richmond party at Blackstone in ample time for the big good roads meeting to be held at that place.

CEDAR GROVE, CHARLOTTE CO., VA., August 18.—The Times-Dispatch good roads and industrial car, as already briefly reported, has been worried by bad roads and is now quietly resting in an improvised automobile hospital in the yard of Charles Craddock Parls at his home, Cedar Grove, in Charlotte county, and the owner is looking after it in the best he can, while Irving Montgomery is en route to Richmond to obtain the necessary parts to furnish the crippled chalmers-Detroit with new limbs. It is rather strange that the two most serious accidents to afflict the car should have overtaken it in Charlotte county. It was only about fifteen miles from here that the managing editor and the writer broke down, and that kept us in the road all of one night a few weeks ago. I leave it to the reader and to automobilists to say whether or not the car's two experiences in this county are serious reflections upon the system of working and keeping up roads in Charlotte county. I am quite certain that if the car had been on anything except one of the worst of mud-covered and rutted roads, it would not have been wrecked and broken in the cruel manner it was.

However, if this old county has some of the worst roads in the State, it also has some of the biggest-hearted and most hospitable people in the world. A half a mile from where the breakdown came I found Mr. Parls, a college graduate, an up-to-date farmer and public-spirited citizen, who for sixteen years served his people as division superintendent of schools for Charlotte county. I approached his house on foot in a drenching rain, and although the clouds were unpropitious in their downpour, he and his two boys soon had a pair of horses ready to pull the car out of the mud, and we repaired to the hill to find Montgomery patient with us. The rain had made the steep hill, or mudbank, so slippery that two animals could not move the car, and Mr. Parls quickly summoned two more from the nearby farm of Dr. Donald McPhail.

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With these reinforcements the car was pulled to Cedar Grove. By nightfall Surgeon Montgomery had fully diagnosed the case, located the trouble and found that a trip to Richmond for new parts was absolutely necessary. His wife, however, who is a first-class housewife, and some time during the wee sma' hours boarded the train, leaving me in the kind and hospitable care of Mr. and Mrs. Parls.

Such is the story of the Times-Dispatch good roads and industrial car's yesterday afternoon's sad experience.

The good roads meeting at Halifax Courthouse Monday night, which has already been reported, was a successful affair, so much so that ye scout left the county seat of old Halifax yesterday morning greatly encouraged, and the car rushed along the somewhat dried-out mud roads at a happy gallop.

Being informed that the danger signal was on Clarkton Bridge, over Staunton River, which stream we had to cross, and that passengers were being officially notified, I was unwilling to risk the car on it, and so made for Watkins's Ferry.

The first stop was at Crystal Hill station on the Durham branch of the Norfolk and Western Railway. Here, at the store of Canady & Brother I met a small congregation and had quite an interesting good roads conference. Among those who talked bad roads to me and permitted me to preach good roads to them were J. W. Chafin, C. C. Canady, W. C. Hutcheson, D. G. Hutson, D. A. Canady and G. W. Canady. I also met at Crystal Hill Thomas A. Osborne, a contractor of Atlanta, Ga., who has been in Halifax county two or more months and has been telling the people about the good roads in parts of North Georgia, and how they have increased values, enlarged business and added more than all things else to the prosperity and well being of the people. Mr. Osborne is an enthusiast on improved highways, and being a good talker he has been very successful in good in this neighborhood in arousing a healthy good roads sentiment.

Whiteville and Carrington were other Halifax points the car reached about the yesterday morning, and at each two or three people were gathered and the car paused long enough to let the few know its mission and behold from its mud-covered wheels and sides just how badly good roads are needed in that side of Halifax county.

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